

**Chambers of District Judge David L. Russell**

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**David L. Russell**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1942

Education: Oklahoma Baptist 1963 BS; Oklahoma 1965 JD

Began Service: 1982

Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Political Affiliation: Republican

**Government:** Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, State of Oklahoma (1968-1969); Attorney, State of Oklahoma (1969-1970); Attorney, U.S. Senator Dewey F. Bartlett (OK), United States Senate (1973-1975); United States Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma, United States Department of Justice (1975-1977); United States Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma, United States Department of Justice (1981-1982)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Blankenship, Herrold, Russell & Leonard (1971-1973); Partner, Benefield, Russell & Freede (1977-1981)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1965-1968); United States Naval Reserve (1968-1971)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Bar Association; Oklahoma Bar Association; Oklahoma County Bar Association

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Susan Rahhal** ..... (405) 609-5100  
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**Vicki Miles-LaGrange**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1953

Education: Vassar 1974 BA; Howard U 1977 JD

Began Service: November 28, 1994

Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Woodrow Seals, United States District Court for the District of Texas (1977-1979)

**Government:** Legislative Aide, U.S. Representative Carl Albert (OK), Office of the Speaker of the House, United States House of Representatives (1974-1976); Graduate Fellow, Office of Special Investigations, United States Department of Justice (1979-1980); Attorney, Office of Enforcement Operations, United States Department of Justice (1982-1983); Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Oklahoma, Oklahoma (1983-1986); State Senator (OK), Oklahoma State Senate (1986-1993); United States Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma, United States Department of Justice (1993-1994)

**Legal Practice:** Miles-LaGrange & Associates (1986-1993)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Inns of Court CV; National Bar Association; Oklahoma Association of Black Lawyers; Oklahoma Bar Association

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Lori Fagan** ..... (405) 609-5400  
Education: Oklahoma 1994 BA, 1997 JD

**Chambers of District Judge Vicki Miles-LaGrange continued**

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Education: Oklahoma City 2005 JD

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**Stephen P. Friot**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947

Education: Oklahoma 1969 BA, 1972 JD

Began Service: November 19, 2001

Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Legal Practice:** Law Clerk, Spradling, Alpern, Friot & Gum, LLP (1972); Associate, Spradling, Alpern, Friot & Gum, LLP (1972-1975); Partner, Spradling, Alpern, Friot & Gum, LLP (1975-2001)

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Oklahoma City, OK 73102-3092

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**Joe Heaton**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1951

Education: Northwestern Oklahoma St 1973 BA; Oklahoma 1976 JD

Began Service: December 13, 2001

Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Political Affiliation: Republican

**Academic:** Adjunct Instructor, University of Central Oklahoma (1980-1981); Adjunct Instructor, University of Central Oklahoma (1992-1993)

**Government:** Legislative Assistant, Senator Dewey F. Bartlett (R-OK), United States Senate (1976-1977); State Representative, Oklahoma House of Representatives (1984-1992); United States Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice (1992-1993); First Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice (1996-2001)

**Legal Practice:** Shareholder, Fuller, Tubb & Pomeroy, PC (1977-1992); Shareholder, Fuller, Tubb & Pomeroy, PC (1993-1996)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; National Association of Former United States Attorneys; Oklahoma Bar Association; Oklahoma County Bar Association

**Staff**

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Education: Oklahoma 1982 JD

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Education: Oklahoma 1982 BFA

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**Lee R. West**

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1929

Education: Oklahoma 1952 BA, 1956 JD; Harvard 1963 LLM

Began Service: November 5, 1979

Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Academic:** Faculty, University of Oklahoma (1961-1962)

**Government:** Member, Civil Aeronautics Board (1973-1978)

**Judicial:** Judge, Oklahoma District Court, 22nd Judicial District (1965-1973); Special Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals (1973)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Busby, Stanfield, Deaton & West (1956-1961); Partner, Deaton, Gassaway & West (1963-1965); Hall, Estill, Hardwick, Gable, Collingsworth & Nelson (1978-1979)

**Military Service:** United States Marine Corps (1952-1956)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Oklahoma Bar Association; Pontotoc County Bar Association

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Jacqueline Stone** ..... (405) 609-5144

Senior Law Clerk **Cynthia J. Smith** ..... (405) 609-5143

Education: Oklahoma City 1981 JD

Secretary **Wilma House** ..... (405) 609-5141

**Chambers of Senior Judge Ralph G. Thompson**

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**Ralph G. Thompson**

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1934

Education: Oklahoma 1956 BBA, 1961 JD

Began Service: 1975

Appointed By: President Gerald Ford

Political Affiliation: Republican

**Government:** State Representative (OK), Oklahoma State House of Representatives (1966-1970)

**Judicial:** Special Justice, Oklahoma Supreme Court; Judge, United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (1990-1997)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Cantrell, Douglas, Thompson & Wilson (1975)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1957-1960); United States Air Force Reserve (1961-1987)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation; American Judicature Society; Federal Judges Association; Oklahoma Bar Association; United States District Judges Association of the Tenth Circuit

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Marilyn Edens** ..... (405) 609-5120

Education: Oklahoma 1982 JD

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Education: Oklahoma 1987 JD

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**Chambers of Senior Judge Tim Leonard**

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**Tim Leonard**

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1940

Education: Oklahoma 1962 BA, 1965 JD

Began Service: August 1992

Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Political Affiliation: Republican

**Government:** Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, State of Oklahoma (1969-1971); State Senator (OK), Oklahoma State Senate (1979-1988); United States Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma, United States Department of Justice (1989-1992)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Blankenship, Herrold, Russell & Leonard (1971); Partner, Trippet, Leonard & Kee (1971-1988); Of Counsel, Huckaby, Fleming, Frailey, Chaffin & Darrah (1988-1989)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1965-1968); United States Naval Reserve (1968-1972)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Oklahoma Bar Association; Oklahoma County Bar Association

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Carmelita Shinn** ..... (405) 609-5304

Education: Oregon 1982 JD

Law Clerk **Sheila Williams** ..... (405) 609-5305

Education: Oklahoma 1989 JD

Administrative Assistant **Janie Cutter** ..... (405) 609-5300

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**Chambers of Magistrate Judge Doyle W. Argo**

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**Doyle W. Argo**

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1947

Education: Oklahoma 1969 BA, 1976 JD

Began Service: April 17, 1987

Term Expires: April 16, 2011

**Government:** Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, State of Oklahoma (1976-1979)

**Judicial:** Judge, Norman Municipal Court (1984-1987)

**Legal Practice:** General Counsel, Oklahoma Bar Association (1979-1981); Associate, Lisle & Durbin (1981-1983); Partner, Welch & Argo (1983-1985); Partner, Bailey, Welch, Argo & Lillard (1986-1987)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1969-1973); United States Air Force Reserve (1973-1997)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Cleveland County Bar Association; Federal Magistrates Judges Association; Oklahoma Bar Association; Oklahoma County Bar Association; Order of the Coif; Phi Delta Phi; William J. Holloway, Jr. American Inn of Court CV

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Joan Curran** ..... (405) 609-5220

Education: William & Mary 1994 JD

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